GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:387
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
VALMIKI AMBEDKAR AWAS YOJANA
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana;

(b) the construction cost fixed by the Government for one dwelling unit under the Yojana;

(c) whether various State Governments have approached the Union Government to enhance the cost of ceiling under the said Yojana due to the escalation in price of building material; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 387 FOR 23.8.2005 REGARDING VALMIKI AMBEDKAR AWAS YOJANA.

(a): Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) is a demand driven Centrally sponsored scheme with 50:50 funding pattern between Centre and the States with the objective to facilitate construction and upgradation of dwelling units with sanitation facilities for the urban slum dwellers living below the poverty line including members of economically weaker sections. The reservation/ percentage of the beneficiaries is as follows:-

1. SC/ST - Not less than 50%
2. Backward Classes - 30%
3. Other weaker sections - 15% (OBC, BC, etc.)
4. Physically disabled persons - 5%

A Sanitation Project under the title of `Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan` is an integral sub component of VAMBAY. The objective of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan is to provide healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets.

(b): Under VAMBAY, the cost of construction of a dwelling unit is Rs.40,000/- for general cities, Rs. 50,000/- for metro cities and Rs. 60,000/- for mega cities. In hilly and difficult areas this ceiling is enhanced by 12.5%.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Based on the recommendations of the States and other stakeholders, the Government has initiated necessary steps to revise the VAMBAY guidelines including the revision in the cost of dwelling units.